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MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

For the year 1950.

*Public Health Department,
Town Hall,
Darlaston.*

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE
DARLASTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

I am submitting my report for 1950.

I am glad to be able to report that there were no cases of Diphtheria during the year. While we rejoice we must still be on the alert because while we can report no cases for 1950 we must work away to try and keep up that record in years to come.

It would also be good to be able to report that there was no one who needs a house, not able to have one. Great responsibility lies on Local Government to see that money is expended to the best possible advantage. When money is not plentiful each economy must be scrutinised, for sometimes what appears to be economy at the time initiates the need for spending money in later years. It has also to be remembered that the best possible comfort and amenities for the family must be provided so that the provision of houses must take a great deal of thought and must not be rushed unduly.

Your encouragement and interest has helped the Public Health Department, and we thank you for it.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

ELIZABETH PATRICIA McWHIRTER,
Medical Officer of Health.

Staff.

Medical Officer of Health ... E. Patricia McWhirter, M.B.,
Ch.B., D.P.H., (Univ. Edin.)

Sanitary Inspector ... J. S. Barker, M.I.S.E., M.S.I.A.

Assistant Sanitary Inspector F. H. Wynne
(Appointed 1st April, 1950).

Pupil Sanitary Inspector ... D. I. Davies.

Clerks ... Miss E. M. Gregory.
Miss B. M. Ordidge.

Darlaston has many industries within its borders. The area covered by industry is large in proportion to its size as a town. The industries include nuts and bolts, drop forgings, cycles, precast concrete, tractor parts, twines and ropes, soap and candles, heavy castings, electric washing machines and galvanised holloware.

The Manager of the Employment Exchange has very kindly given me the following report :—

“ The employment position during 1950 like 1949, in both industry and trade, was generally favourable and productivity well maintained. Towards the end of the year some misgivings arose in the manufacturing industries owing to reduced supplies of certain materials, mainly steel sheet, but despite the difficulties which this caused, employers happily avoided the harsh necessity of suspending or discharging workpeople.

Unemployment in the area remained negligible. No industrial disputes were reported during the year, and Darlaston industry and trade can take pride therefore in the great contribution it made towards stabilising the country's economy.”

VITAL STATISTICS.

Area in acres	1,534
Registrar-General's estimate of resident population mid-1950	21,930
Comparability factor for deaths	1.26
Comparability factor for births	0.96
Number of inhabited houses at end of 1950 (assessed)	5,648
Rateable value, 1950	£85,417
Sum represented by penny rate	£340

Live Births.

	<i>M.</i>	<i>F.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
Legitimate	170	157	327
Illegitimate	2	4	6
Totals	172	161	333

Birth rate per 1,000 of the resident population	15.18
Standardised birth rate per 1,000 of the resident population	14.57
Birth rate for England and Wales per 1,000 of the resident population	15.8

Still Births.

	<i>M.</i>	<i>F.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
Legitimate	9	5	14
Illegitimate	1	—	1
Totals	10	5	15

Still birth rate per 1,000 live and still births	43.1
Still birth rate per 1,000 of the resident population	0.68
Standardised still birth rate per 1,000 of the resident population	0.65
Still birth rate per 1,000 of the resident population for England and Wales	0.37

Infantile Mortality.

Number of deaths in infants under one year of age :—

				<i>M.</i>	<i>F.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
Legitimate	...	...	...	7	4	11
Illegitimate	...	...	...	—	—	—
				—	—	—
Totals	...	...	...	7	4	11
				—	—	—

Death rate of infants under one year of age per 1,000 live births	...	...	...	...	...	...	33.02
Death rate for England and Wales of infants under one year of age per 1,000 related live births					...	...	29.8

Maternal Mortality.

Deaths from puerperal causes	...	...	...	...	...	...	nil
Maternal death rate from Puerperal Sepsis per 1,000 live and still births	...	...	...	...	...	...	nil
Maternal death rate for England and Wales per 1,000 live and still births from Puerperal Sepsis					...	...	0.03
Maternal death rate from other causes associated with childbirth per 1,000 live and still births					...	...	nil
Maternal death rate for England and Wales from other causes associated with childbirth per 1,000 live and still births	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.54

Ministry of Food Vitamin Products.

The average take up of the Vitamin Products supplied by the Ministry of Food for children and expectant mothers is in Cod Liver Oil 28%, Orange Juice 28% and A and D tablets 50%.

Deaths.

Number of deaths from all causes	...	...	...	...	...	...	224
Death rate per 1,000 resident population					...	...	10.21
Standardised death rate	...	...	...	...	...	...	12.86
Death rate for England and Wales per 1,000 resident population		...	...	...	...	...	11.6

Causes of death according to Registrar-General's return :—

Disease.	Male.	Female.	Total.
Tuberculosis Respiratory	6	2	8
Tuberculosis (other)	—	—	—
Syphilitic Disease	1	—	1
Diphtheria	—	—	—
Whooping Cough	—	1	1
Meningococcal Infections... ..	—	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis	—	—	—
Measles	1	—	1
Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases	—	—	—
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	3	1	4
Malignant Neoplasm Lung, Bronchus	4	1	5
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	—	2	2
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	—	1	1
Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	12	10	22
Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	—	—	—
Diabetes	—	1	1
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	6	19	25
Coronary disease, Angina	6	2	8
Hypertension with Heart disease	8	3	11
Other Heart disease	26	27	53
Other Circulatory disease	3	3	6
Influenza	1	2	3
Pneumonia	3	3	6
Bronchitis	11	4	15
Other diseases of Respiratory System	1	—	1
Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	1	—	1
Gastritis, Enteritis, Diarrhoe	2	1	3
Nephritis and Nephrosis	2	—	2
Hyperplasia of Prostate	2	—	2
Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion	—	—	—
Congenital Malformations	1	1	2
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	15	20	35
Motor vehicle accidents	1	—	1
All other accidents	2	—	2
Suicide	1	1	2
Homicide and operations of war	—	—	—
Total all causes	119	105	224

Death rate from Diarrhoea under two years of age per 1,000 live births	3
Death rate for England and Wales from Diarrhoea under two years of age per 1,000 live births	1.9
Deaths from Cancer in all ages according to Registrar-General	34
Deaths from Measles	1
Deaths from Whooping Cough	1

AGE DISTRIBUTION OF DEATHS FROM CANCER, 1950.

	Age.														75 up		
	0-5	-10	-15	-20	-25	-30	-35	-40	-45	-50	-55	-60	-65	-70			
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F			
Cancer of mouth and oesophagus male ...	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
Cancer of uterus ...									1	1		2			1		
Cancer of stomach and duodenum ...										1		1	1				1
Cancer of breast ...														1			
Cancer in all other sites	1						1				2	2	1	2	3	1	4

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES.

Disease.	No. of cases suspected.	Confirmed.	Removed to hospital.
Scarlet Fever	15	14	13
Whooping Cough	44	44	2
Anterior Poliomyelitis	10	5	10
Measles	78	78	2
Diphtheria	2	—	2
Pneumonia	13	13	2
Erysipelas	2	2	—
Puerperal Pyrexia	—	—	—
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	1	1	—
Dysentery	—	—	—
Cerebro-spinal Fever	2	—	2
Paratyphoid Fever	—	—	—
Encephalitis	1	—	1

AGE DISTRIBUTION OF THE COMMON INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Age.	Scarlet Fever.		Whooping Cough.		Anterior Polio- myelitis.		Measles.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0—	—	1	2	8	—	—	1	1
1—	2	2	5	8	—	—	5	10
3—	—	1	5	6	1	1	17	13
5—	5	2	4	6	1	—	5	16
10—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
15—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
25 and over	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Age unknown... ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	7	6	16	28	2	3	28	40

TUBERCULOSIS, 1950.

Age.	New Notifications;				Deaths.			
	Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0—1								
1—... ..								
5—... ..		1		1				
15—... ..	2	2						
25—... ..	3	1		1	1	2		
35—... ..	2	1			1			
45—... ..	2							
55—... ..	1				1			
65—... ..	1				2			
Age unknown					1			
Totals	11	5		2	6	2		

DEATHS FROM TUBERCULOSIS.

Age at Notification.	1 year.	Death within 2 years. of notification.	3 years.	Notified by Death.
0—14 years				
15—24 years			1	
25—34 years		1	1	
35—44 years				1
45—54 years				1
55—64 years				1
65—	1			1

Public Health Laboratory Service.

The Public Health Laboratory, Martin Street, Stafford, deals with any bacteriological or bio-chemical investigation of disease found to be necessary.

Infectious Diseases Hospital.

Admission to this is arranged through the Public Health Department or in emergency on application by the General Practitioner direct to the hospital.

Smallpox Hospital.

Admission of a case of smallpox is arranged through the Regional Hospital Board.

Venereal Diseases.

Treatment can be obtained either at the Manor Hospital, Walsall, or at the Wolverhampton Royal Hospital.

General Hospitals.

Admission is arranged by the General Practitioner direct with the hospital.

Maternity Hospitals.

The patient's doctor arranges admission when it is necessary on medical grounds. If admission on any other ground is thought desirable application should be made to the Health Visitor, Jane Mills Institute, Rectory Avenue, Darlaston.

Midwifery.

Midwives for the district are provided by the Stafford County Council.

Health Visitors.

Owing to the shortage of staff the County Council were only able to provide two Health Visitors for Darlaston during 1950. The prospect of more help is not bright.

Ambulance Service.

The Ambulance Depot is now at Willenhall. Telephone No. Willenhall 580.

Home Helps.

This service for Darlaston is administered by the County Council through their Area Office at Wednesbury. It is difficult to recruit the right type of worker in this district for this work, although the need for a home help service is perhaps more here than in some other parts of the country.

Diphtheria.

No cases of Diphtheria occurred during the year. Two cases were suspected but not confirmed.

I am now getting a copy of the Area Health Committee's Quarterly Reports which amongst other information gives the number of children in Darlaston immunised against Diphtheria.

This arrangement only started in the middle of 1950, so I am unable to give you this year's figures but I shall be able to do so in subsequent years.

Scarlet Fever.

14 cases of Scarlet Fever were reported to me comparing with 39 during 1949. The cases on the whole were mild.

Measles.

In 1950 there were 78 cases of Measles notified to me whereas there were 133 in 1949; There was one death from Measles.

Whooping Cough.

During the year there were 44 cases of Whooping Cough comparing with 25 in 1949. There was one death from Whooping Cough.

As it is generally some complication of Measles or Whooping Cough that causes death it is essential that a physician should be consulted early when a child develops these diseases.

Anterior Poliomyelitis.

10 suspected cases were removed to hospital during the year and the diagnosis was confirmed in five cases. Only in one of these cases was there any residual paralysis.

Smallpox.

No Smallpox occurred during the year.

Tuberculosis.

18 cases of Tuberculosis were brought to my notice during the year, which number include three brought to my notice by death. In 1949, 19 cases plus five cases notified by death were reported.

Eight deaths from Tuberculosis occurred during the year comparing with 16 in 1949.

At the end of the year there were 227 cases of Tuberculosis on the register as compared with 219 at the end of 1949.

Recent advances in chemotherapy have influenced the successful treatment of Tuberculosis considerably.

SAMPLES TAKEN UNDER THE FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1938 DURING THE YEAR 1950.

Milk.

T. T. Pasteurised Milk	...	...	...	6
Pasteurised Milk	...	...	...	11
Sterilised Milk	...	...	...	11
Milk	...	...	...	1
Total	...	...	...	29

General Foods.

Number of samples taken	...	...	...	19
Number of samples genuine	...	...	...	16
Number of samples adulterated	...	...	...	3

Classification of General Foods.

Doughnuts.	Ground Cinnamon.
Sausage rolls.	Mincemeat.
Table Jelly Crystals.	Peeled Tomatoes.
Sweetened Cake Mixture (2).	Gooseberries in Syrup.
Lemon Curd (2).	Cherries in Syrup.
Marmalade.	Damsons in Syrup.
Fish Paste.	Ground Almonds.
Sugar Wheat Puffies.	Golden Plums in Syrup.
Tapioca Desert.	

Particulars of Adulterated Samples.

Sweetened Cake Mixture (informal sample) 26.3% deficient in sugar containing 22.1% instead of 30.0%. This was followed up by the taking of a formal sample which was certified by the Public Analyst to be 25.0% deficient in sugar.

Lemon Curd (informal sample) 12.5% deficient in fat containing 3.5% instead of 4.0%. This was followed by a formal sample of the same product which was certified to be genuine.

DETAILS OF MILK SAMPLES TAKEN BY STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
DURING 1950.

		No. of Samples	Cleanliness.		Phosphatase Test		Turbidity Test.		Tubercle Bacillus	
			Satis- factory.	Unsatis- factory.	Pass	Fail	Pass	Fail	Present	Absent
Tuberculin Tested		3		—	—	—	2	—	—	1
T.T. Pasteurised		14	13	1	13	—	—	—	—	—
Pasteurised		18	15	—	15	—	—	—	—	3
Sterilised		12	—	—	—	—	12	—	—	—
Accredited		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Undesignated		1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
		48	28	1	28	—	15	—	—	4

WATER SUPPLY.

Part of Darlaston is supplied by the South Staffordshire Waterworks Company. Periodically samples are examined. Throughout the year the supply was adequate and of satisfactory quality. A typical sample showed the following analysis :—

Results of Examination of Sample of Water taken on the 10th July, 1950.

Bacteriological Examination.

Bacteria. Colonies per ml.

Nutrient Agar at 20°C. 3 days	1.	COLIFORM BACTERIA.
Nutrient Agar at 37°C. 1 day	0.	Presumptive Test. Absent.
Nutrient Agar at 37°C. 2 days	1.	Differential Tests. Absent.

Physical Characters.

Colour (Burgess)	7 mm.	Taste—Normal.
Turbidity. Trace susp. matter.		Odour—Nil.
pH	7.5	

Chemical Analysis (Expressed in parts per million).

Free CO ₂ .		Silica (SiO ₂)	
Alkalinity (CaCO ₃)	... 166	Calcium (Ca)	
Chlorides (Cl)	... 113.5	Magnesium (Mg)	
Ammoniacal Nitrogen	... Trace	Sodium (Na)	
Albuminoid Nitrogen	026	Carbonate (CO ₃)	
Oxidised Nitrogen	... 2.8	Sulphate (SO ₄)	
Oxygen absorbed (3 hrs. at 27°C)	34	Iron (Fe)	.04
Temporary Hardness	... 160	Manganese (Mn)	Nil
Permanent Hardness	... 40	Zinc (Zn)	Nil
Total Hardness	... 200	Poisonous Metals	Nil
Total Solids (dried at 180°C)		Free Cl	Nil

Bentley District is supplied by the Wolverhampton Corporation Water Department. The supply in this district is now adequate for all houses in this area.

HOUSING.

The Housing Manager has very kindly given me the following information :—

“ During the period January 1st/December 31st, 1950, 41 applicants were rehoused, including nine tenants of demolition property.

In addition, by exchanges, some with the co-operation of private landlords, a further 31 applicants were removed to more suitable accommodation.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

The Surveyor has kindly given me the following report on the sewage outfall works :—

“ The whole of the sewage entering the above works is treated on the biological filtration system. Provision is made for dealing with a flow on a dry weather basis of 525,000 gallons per 24 hours from a population of 21,000 persons, having a water consumption of 25 gallons per head per day. The works are designed for full treatment up to 1,575,000 gallons per day and a further 1,575,000 gallons is provided for as storm water.

All sewage and storm waters entering the works discharge into a screening and detritus tank. Three times the dry weather flow pass through primary and secondary sedimentation tanks and septic tanks, having a combined capacity of 416,000 gallons.

Any flow in excess of three times dry weather flow passes over a storm water overflow and discharges into stormwater tanks.

The effluent from the sewage tanks is evenly distributed over seven circular percolating filters by means of rotary sprinklers. After the tank effluent has passed through the filters it is intercepted by humus tanks for final settlement before discharge to the river Tame.

The whole of the sludge from the tanks (except humus tanks) is pumped into specially prepared sludge drying beds which are underdrained and have an ash foundation. The total drying area is 7,000 sq. yards. Sludge from the humus tanks is pumped back to mix with the incoming fresh sewage for sedimentation.

Provision is made so that all supernatant water from the tanks is also returned for re-treatment.

The works have continued to function satisfactorily during the past year and the final effluent has constantly maintained a good standard of purification.”

REPORT

of the

CHIEF SANITARY INSPECTOR

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL.

Mr. Chairman, Madam and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting my annual report on the sanitary circumstances of the district for the year 1950.

During the year we have experienced some staff changes which has led to some disruption in our work and precluded that continuity in the services which we endeavour to maintain. Mr. Anderson terminated his services with the Council in December, 1949, and the vacancy was not filled until April, 1950, so that we were without a qualified Inspector during that time.

Miss V. Fuddy, the welfare officer, who had been with us for the past two years, was transferred to the Housing Department on the 26th June. Her work in the Health Department was invaluable to us in our endeavour to secure better conditions in the houses provided and controlled by the Council, and in which we have many tenants who cannot be regarded as satisfactory and who need constant supervision. Regular and periodic visits were made to these families and considerable improvement was noted from these visits. Problem families and verminous houses were kept under constant supervision, and we were able, during the time she was with us, to compile complete records of the whole of our Council houses from which we were able to extract much valuable information for future use as regards unsatisfactory houses, problem families, aged persons, lack of proper amenities such as hot water supply, electricity, and environmental conditions generally. The lack of this help will be felt in the future.

However, steady progress has been made in the work of the Department and we have been able to make headway with our duties under the Food and Drugs Act by the inspection of food premises, and official action to secure compliance with the requirements of the Act. Bye-laws with regard to the handling of foods under Section 15 of the Food and Drugs Act came into force on the 16th April, 1950. These bye-laws are intended to secure sanitary and cleanly practices and conditions in connection with the handling, wrapping and delivery of food and sale of food in the open air, and should prove of great assistance to us in bringing about hygienic conditions in this respect.

Housing during the year shows little improvement over 1949, forty-one houses only having been completed against thirty-seven in the previous year. These houses are all situate on the new Bentley estate which was compulsorily acquired in 1947, the first contract for thirty houses being approved by the Ministry on the 11th February, 1948.

Up to the 31st December, 1950, the total dwelling houses completed on the estate was 78, a figure which cannot be regarded as very gratifying, having regard to our housing needs and our financial committments involved in the compulsory acquisition of the land.

The housing figures at present just about enable us to cope with the natural growth of the population and leaves little or no latitude to meet the requirements with regard to unfit houses and sub-tenants.

There are some 1,200 of the former and 950 of the latter, making a total of 2,150 houses required.

Our population figures indicate an increase of 150 over last year, so that on the basis of four persons per house, approximately forty houses are required to meet the natural growth of the population. At the moment therefore, we are only keeping pace with these requirements, and little else. If we are to solve the problem in the next ten years, we require at least 250 houses a year, and this is the figure which we should endeavour to attain, and which can only be accomplished by planning ahead the roads and sewers while the erection of houses for the current building programme is going on, so maintaining continuity and retaining operatives on the site.

In concluding these opening remarks I would like to add that when I look back over the years that have passed, and remember the very considerable strides that have been made as typified by our improved vital statistics, and looking forward realise the work which still lies ahead, I recall and misquote the words of the Welsh Bard, Eifion Wynn :—

“ Lord, why did you allow them to make Darlaston so drab and depressing, and the life of a poor Sanitary Inspector so short.”

Yours obediently,

J. S. BARKER,

Chief Sanitary and Housing Officer.

HOUSING.

The number of houses erected in the district during the year was :—

Council houses :	Morris Avenue	...	...	16
	Wilkes Avenue	...	...	23
	Slim Road	...	...	2
Privately	...	...	...	—
				—
Total	...	...	...	41
				—

Houses in course of erection.

At the end of the year contracts had been placed for the following Council houses :—

Contract 17c (18 handed over at the end of 1950—included in above 41)	...	...	64
Contracts 17d and 17e	...	...	68
Contract (Station Street)	...	...	8
Contract (Cockheath)	...	...	44
			—
Total	...	...	184
			—

It will be seen that our figures for new houses show little improvement over the previous year, and a considerable reduction over the preceding years of 1946 to 1948. As there is only an allocation of one house in five for unfit dwellings, it will be obvious that little progress could be made in the elimination of this class of property.

During the year the following houses were demolished :—

Pinfold Street, 41 (Clearance Order).

Mill Street, 48 (Void).

Moxley Road, Court 3, Houses 1, 2 and 4.

The Green, Court 3, House 4 (Void.)

St. John's Road, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45 and 46 (Clearance Order).

Total : 13.

Action Taken.

The only houses dealt with under Section 11 during the year were those where action was rendered necessary on account of the defective structural condition of the property, the houses being situated as follows :—

Victoria Road, 12.

Catherines Cross, 10, 10a, 12, and 1 and 2 to rear.

Total : 7.

During the past thirty years the responsibility for housing the working classes has fallen primarily upon the Local Authority, as 72% of all houses erected during that period were Council houses, private enterprise, as in most towns, having failed to provide the houses necessary. It is now a generally accepted fact that as far as housing for this section of the community is concerned, the responsibility falls upon the Local Authority.

At the end of the year the Local Authority, as owners of 2,108 houses are the landlords of 37% of the towns dwellings and in the course of time, when our housing developments at Bentley are complete and the slum clearance areas have been developed to their fullest extent, the Local Authority will be the owners of approximately 64% of the houses in the district erected for letting.

Although it is very desirable that those able to do so should be afforded every facility to erect and own their own house, it is a matter for careful consideration as to whether facilities should be again afforded to occupiers of Council houses to purchase them in the manner provided for by the Housing and other Acts, as in the course of time when the loans are paid off, the rents for these houses will assist considerably the local exchequer. There is little doubt that the life of this property, being carefully maintained by the Council, will extend much beyond the period of the loans.

Although the erection of new houses is regarded by the Ministry as the most satisfactory method of meeting the existing shortage of houses and of replacing houses which are unfit for human habitation, an important contribution to both ends has been made in the 1949 Act by financial inducements to carry out improvements or conversions of existing houses or other buildings.

With the best possible progress in the erection of new houses, many families must for some years continue to occupy houses which, although soundly constructed and in good general repair, lack the amenities and convenience which have been regarded as essential judged by modern standards.

This Act now makes possible by financial assistance on reasonable terms for the owner, the improvement and repair of this class of property, and at a cost which will reduce the burden by the tenant substantially to what it would be if this work was carried out under Section 9 of the Housing Act, 1936..

It may be summarised briefly by stating that up to 50% of the cost of the improvements will be borne by the Exchequer and the Local Authority in the proportion of 75% to 25%. This means that from the tenant's point of view there is a substantial saving compared with the cost which would fall on him where the

owner bears the whole cost of the work, when he is then entitled to charge 8% of the cost of the improvements as permitted in the Rents and Mortgage (Restriction) Acts.

To the owner it should also prove an attractive proposition, as he obtains 50% of the cost and is enabled to charge 6% to the tenant. As it is possible to borrow money at about 4%, the proposition should appeal to any landlord who is anxious to safeguard his investment for the future.

Since the Act received the Royal Assent on the 30th July, 1949, 71 houses have been improved by the erection of kitchenettes and the provision of baths. In these instances the work was carried out by the owners without financial assistance, in addition to which 37 are under Notice and negotiations proceeding for the acquisition of the property by the Local Authority.

The average cost of the improvements effected was £200 per house, and although the owners would have been entitled to charge £16 per year on the rents, the tenants were fortunate in only having their rents increased by about 2/9d. instead of 6/-. Few owners however could afford to be so magnanimous, but the provisions of the new Act will enable them to bring their property up to a modern standard at little cost to themselves, and to the well-being and comfort of their tenants who ultimately receive the benefit of the financial provisions of this Act.

A little more publicity is needed to acquaint owners of these provisions and the facilities which have been placed at their disposal. Whether such publicity would meet with success in this area is problematical, as much property is already mortgaged and owners are reluctant to involve themselves in financial obligations. Landlords in districts such as Darlaston do not belong to the wealthy class, most of them in fact could be reasonably classed as workers—provident artisans and small business men—people who have invested their life savings in house property as a security for their later years.

However, the Rent and Mortgage (Restriction) Acts have closed the door to that happy state by retaining rents at 1918 levels, while repair and maintenance costs are well over 300% above 1918 prices. What was once an investment has become a liability, and so property is frequently changing hands and owners who can secure possession seek to sell rather than let. So houses too often change hands at considerably above their real value.

There are many young couples now in lodgings who, not seeing any chance of getting a new house for some years, are prepared to pay these ridiculous figures for property which cannot be said to have at the outside more than eight to ten years life.

The facilities for improvement and reconstruction as aforementioned are intended to apply only to houses soundly constructed and having a life of not less than thirty years.

We have in Darlaston however, some 1,200 dwellings which cannot be considered as being in this category, the structures being defective, with rising and penetrating dampness, detached wash-houses and outside conveniences used in common, and generally ill-adapted for the provision of such amenities as kitchenettes and bathrooms. It is becoming increasingly difficult to maintain these houses in habitable repair and any works of an extensive character would be beyond the resources of the owners.

Having regard to the short life of this property, the most we can do is to endeavour to maintain the roofs in a watertight condition and the sanitary arrangements in good order. Considerable deterioration has of course taken place over the war years and also during the post-war years, when materials have been scarce and controlled, and repair work costly.

Owners are now faced with catching up on these arrears or losing their property. Many unfortunately are unable to do the former and would much prefer that the Local Authority exercise their powers under Section 11 of the Housing Act. As the Law stands at present, any capital expenditure represents almost a dead loss as rents are fixed and are not allowed to be increased except for the carrying out of works of improvement.

As I have maintained previously in my reports, landlords should I feel, be permitted to substantially increase their rents where they can justify the issue of a certificate of fitness by the sanitary authority. It hardly seems reasonable or fair to expect a property owner to maintain his houses as they should be with a 40% increase dating back to 1920, when regard is had to increased prices the landlord has to meet in maintaining his property in a reasonable and habitable condition.

HOUSING.

The housing position as regards action under Part III of the Housing Act, 1936, remains unchanged :—

	Number of dwelling houses demolished.		Number of persons displaced up to 31/12/50.	Number of dwelling houses made fit.
	Unfit houses.	Other houses.		
Part A.				
Clearance Areas :—				
(i) Land coloured “ pink ”	188	—	768	—
(ii) Land coloured “ grey ”	—	—	—	—
Part B.				
Improvement Areas	—	—	—	—

Part C.

Insanitary houses not included in clearance areas or improvement areas.

NOTE.—The references below relate to Part 2 Sections of the Act of 1936.

(1) Number of dwelling houses demolished as a result of procedure under Section 11	578
(2) Number of dwelling houses demolished as a result of informal notices preliminary to formal procedure under Section 11	4
(3) Number of dwelling houses closed but not demolished as a result of undertakings (which have not been cancelled) by owners under Section 11 not to use houses for human habitation	11
(4) Parts of buildings closed (Section 12)	92
(5) Number of persons displaced as a result of action :—	
Under (1) above	2,220
Under (2) above	11
Under (3) above	43
Under (4) above	347

HOUSING PROGRESS SINCE JANUARY, 1920.

Year ending Dec.	By Local Authority under Assisted Housing Schemes.				By Private Enterprise.			Com- bined Yearly Totals. (8)
	1919 Act (1)	1923 and 1924 (2)	1930 (3)	Total (4)	Un- assisted Houses (5)	Assisted.		
						Subsidy (6)	Total (7)	
1920	16	—	—	16	—	—	—	16
1921	96	—	—	96	—	—	—	96
1922	30	—	—	30	4	—	4	34
1923	—	—	—	—	6	6	12	12
1924	—	—	—	—	1	14	15	15
1925	—	25	—	25	1	8	9	34
1926	—	96	—	96	1	17	18	114
1927	—	84	—	84	5	25	30	114
1928	—	91	—	91	—	—	—	91
1929	—	68	—	68	—	4	4	72
1930	—	90	—	90	—	6	6	96
1931	—	62	—	62	8	—	8	70
1932	—	115	26	141	15	—	15	156
1933	—	19	—	19	15	—	15	34
1934	—	14	50	108	24	—	24	132
1935	—	44U 24X 61U	46	131	11	—	11	142
1936	—	96U	70	166	55	—	55	221
1937	—	—	124	124	144	—	144	268
1938	—	—	134	134	113	—	113	247
1939	—	46	83	129	50	—	50	179
1940	—	26	85	111	—	—	—	111
1945	—	—	—	—	3	—	3	3
1946	—	81 49Pf. 9Bd.	—	139	41	—	41	180
1947	—	130	—	130	—	—	—	130
1948	—	206	—	206	—	6	6	212
1949	—	37	—	37	1	—	1	38
1950	—	41	—	41	—	—	—	41
31 yrs.	142	1514	618	2274	498	86	584	2858
	Less ...	11*	—	11*	—	—	—	11*
	142	1503	618	2263	498	86	584	2847

U —Indicates houses erected without Government assistance.

X —These Council houses were taken over as part of Bentley under the Staffordshire Review Order of 1934.

Pf —Prefabs.

Bd —Bomb damaged properties.

* —9 bomb damaged and 2 structurally unfit properties

CIVIL BUILDING REGULATIONS.

The following table indicates the licences issued during the year with the value of the work carried out :—

Month.				No. of Licences.	£	s.	d.
January	...	...	...	—	—	—	—
February	...	...	...	3	1,075	0	0
March	...	...	...	—	—	—	—
April	...	...	...	2	350	0	0
May	...	...	...	—	—	—	—
June	...	...	...	1	125	0	0
July	...	...	...	—	—	—	—
August	...	...	...	1	140	0	0
September	...	...	...	—	—	—	—
October	...	...	...	—	—	—	—
November	...	...	...	2	1,495	11	4
December	...	...	...	2	325	0	0
				11	3,510	11	4

PUBLIC BATHS.

The Public Baths are situated in Victoria Road and consist of a swimming pool measuring 100 ft. x 35 ft., with depths varying from 3 ft. to 9 ft. 3 ins., and holding approximately 133,000 gallons of water. The baths were opened in May, 1938.

During the year a total number of 89,199 persons were recorded as using the swimming and slipper baths—77,571 for the swimming baths and 11,628 for the slipper baths.

Three additional shower baths were provided during the year.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS.**Schedule of Visits and Notices Served.**

	Visits	Informal Notices	Statutory Notices	Complied with
Drain stoppages	1416	415	94	1404
Drainage defects	187	174	81	173
Structural defects	741	474	171	387
Spouting defects and dampness ...	184	144	76	135
Refuse removal, defective bins ...	227	200	158	176
Stagnant water (cellars)	31	18	7	17
Fish Fryers	19	1	—	1
Milk and Dairies	144	5	—	5
Butcher's Premises	74	49	6	4
Factories and Workshops	55	18	—	17
Infectious diseases	210	—	—	—
Verminous conditions	103	18	2	18
Pig-keeper's premises	217	78	6	67
Private slaughtering	131	—	—	—
Movable dwellings... ..	22	6	—	6
Schools	36	—	—	—
Smoke nuisance	125	10	2	8
Picture theatres	24	2	—	2
Rats and Mice Destruction Act ...	104	34	—	34
Petroleum Regulations	56	—	—	—
Catering establishments	67	27	—	24
Factory canteens	18	2	—	2
Licensed premises	27	9	—	9
Ice Cream (Retailers and Manu- facturers	170	21	2	18

INFECTIOUS DISEASES AND DISINFECTION.

210 visits have been made to infectious cases for necessary investigation.

101 premises have been disinfected after infectious or other complaints, 29 being for verminous conditions.

Terminal disinfection was carried out in the case of seven deaths from T.B., and bedding was either destroyed or steam disinfected.

PETROLEUM ACTS.

38 licences were issued for the bulk storage of 38,970 gallons of motor spirit.

Three licences were issued for the storage of carbide of calcium—a total of 16 cwts.

Three licences were issued for the storage of 9,500 gallons of cellulose, special storage being provided in accordance with the requirements of the Cellulose Regulations.

REFUSE REMOVAL.

This work is carried out under the jurisdiction of the Public Works Department. Mechanical transport is used for the collection of domestic refuse, which is disposed of by controlled tipping on land situated on the fringe of the area.

The land now being used for the purpose does not permit of satisfactory tipping on account of the necessity for tipping above the surrounding ground level, so making it difficult to keep the material properly covered.

However, negotiations are in hand for the acquisition of a considerable area of land at Bentley, used as sand beds. The site is well placed, dry, of considerable depth, and should be excellent for the purpose and not likely, if properly controlled, to become a nuisance.

All dwelling houses in the district are provided with portable galvanised dustbins which are emptied at intervals of about eight to ten days. The previous arrangements whereby bins were purchased in bulk by the Council and retailed to property owners will be discontinued in April next, when the Local Authority will take over entirely the responsibility of replacing and providing dustbins as part of their general responsibility for collection and disposal.

The charge on the rates is expected to be about £400 per year, which means that the cost per house will be approximately 1/5d. per year. This I think, will prove to be most economical from the property owner's point of view and easy to operate from the administrative aspect. It will also remove a source of irritation both to the owner and the Local Authority alike.

MEAT AND FOODS.

134 pigs have been slaughtered during the year—75 on private premises and 59 on licensed premises.

There are 161 pig-keepers on the register.

Ten persons have been licensed under the Slaughter of Animals Act during the year.

There are two licensed slaughterhouses in the district, one only having been used for the purpose during the year for the killing and dressing of cottagers pigs. It is hoped that both these premises will be brought into proper use in the near future as they are well constructed and provided with all the necessary apparatus and modern appliances.

The following is a list of articles condemned and disposed of during the year :—

						lbs.	ozs.
3	tins	Rabbit	...	...	...	3	0
1	„	Luncheon Meat	...	...	...	2	0
1	„	Veal Loaf	...	...	...	1	1½
1	„	Pork and Beef	...	...	...		12
		Cooked Meat	...	...	...	50	0
1	„	Whalemeat	...	...	...	1	0
2	„	Meat and Gravy	...	...	...	2	8
		Pork Sausage	...	...	...	34	0
2	„	Meat Paste	...	...	...		6
43	„	Roe	...	...	...	76	5¾
1	„	Herrings	...	...	...		8
1	„	Pilchards	...	...	...		14
1	„	Norwegian Sild	...	...	...		4
11	„	Fish Paste	...	...	...	2	9¼
2	„	Crawfish	...	...	...		8
12	„	Brislings	...	...	...	2	9
1	„	Shrimps	...	...	...		3½
64	„	Tomatoes	...	...	...	56	10¾
		Tomatoes (fresh)	...	...	...	16	0
1	„	Tomato Juice	...	...	...	3	8
8	„	Pineapple	...	...	...	4	10½
5	„	Plums	...	...	...	8	3
1	„	Blackberries	...	...	...	1	8
		Figs	...	...	...	37	0
4	„	Orange Juice	...	...	...		13
1	„	Grapefruit Juice	...	...	...	4	9
2	„	Rhubarb	...	...	...	2	2½

							lbs.	ozs.
1	„	Cherries	...	...	...	...		15
4	„	Pears	...	...	...	...	7	4
2	„	Apples	...	...	...	...	1	15
1	„	Grapes	...	...	...	...	1	12
1	bottle	Apple Juice	...	...	...	...		10
1	„	Strawberry Essence	...	...	...	...		$\frac{1}{2}$
1	„	Orange Essence	...	...	...	...		2
1	„	Tomato Ketchup	...	...	...	...		7
27	tins	Peas	...	...	...	...	28	$3\frac{1}{2}$
27	„	Milk	...	...	...	...	25	$12\frac{1}{2}$
6	„	Jam	...	...	...	...	10	0
7	„	Beetroot	...	...	...	...	12	4
18	„	Spaghetti	...	...	...	...	18	0
13	„	Soup	...	...	...	...	12	10
8	„	Marmalade	...	...	...	...	13	0
7	„	Carrots	...	...	...	...	15	0
1	„	Mixed Vegetables	...	...	...	...	1	0
3	„	Beans	...	...	...	...	2	0
1	„	Hors D'oevres	...	...	...	...		$4\frac{1}{2}$
1	bottle	Beet Sauce	...	...	...	...		10
1	„	Gravy Browning	...	...	...	...		3
8	jars	Chutney	...	...	...	...	5	$7\frac{3}{4}$
1	jar	Pickles	...	...	...	...	5	15
1	box	Cheese	...	...	...	...		8
		Tea	...	...	...	...		$\frac{1}{4}$
1	tin	Nescafe	...	...	...	...		4
4	tins	Lemonade Powder	...	...	...	...	18	0
1	tin	Mustard	...	...	...	...		$\frac{1}{4}$
194		Duck Eggs						
14		Hen Eggs						
							495	14

				sc.	lbs.	ozs.
One Pig	...	...	...	16	2	0
Pig's Liver, 3 Hearts, 3 Spleens	...				6	8
					16	8 8

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1938.

Considerable time has been given during the year to the inspection of premises where food is prepared, stored or sold, and attention drawn to shortcomings and deficiencies, in addition to which attention has been given to the educational side of the work in emphasising the need for cleanliness and care in handling foods in course of preparation for sale.

These inspections indicate that there is much work to be done in bringing premises up to a reasonable standard in providing facilities to enable cleanliness to be maintained and seeing that appropriate use is made of the facilities provided.

Particular attention has been given during the year to fish shops, meat retailers and grocery stores. The following indicates briefly the work carried out:—

Preserved Food Premises.

Premises on register	...	...	...	7
Visits made	...	...	...	30
Premises where contraventions found	...			1
Premises where contraventions remedied				1
Premises where additional washing facilities provided	...	...	...	1

Fried Fish Shops.

Premises on register	...	...	...	19
Visits made	...	...	...	19
Informal Notices served		...	...	1
Informal Notices remedied		...	...	1

Butcher's Shops.

Premises on register	...	...	...	26
Visits made	...	...	...	74
Premises where contraventions found	...			49
Premises where contraventions remedied				4
Contraventions outstanding at end of year	...	...	...	45
Notices served	...	...	...	11
Notices complied with	...	...	...	2
Notices outstanding at end of year	...			9

Catering Establishments.

Premises on register	...	...	...	63
Visits made	...	...	...	67
Factory canteens in district	...	...		12
Visits made	...	...	...	18
Visits made to licensed premises	...			27

ICE CREAM (HEAT TREATMENT) REGULATIONS, 1947.

The following schedule indicates the premises dealt with during the year :—

Ice cream retailers	...	...	...	...	36
Ice Cream manufacturers	Heat Treatment)	...			1
„ „ „	(Cold Mix)	...			1
Visits made to manufacturers	...	...	...		19
Visits made to retailers	...	...	...		151
Samples of ice cream forwarded for chemical analysis	...	...	...	...	nil
Samples of ice cream forwarded for bacteriological examination	...	...	...		58

Results.

Number of samples in	Grade 1	...	...	24
„ „ „ „	Grade 2	...	...	14
„ „ „ „	Grade 3	...	...	11
„ „ „ „	Grade 4	...	...	9

Grade 4 category is regarded as an unsatisfactory recording and in these instances steps were taken to ascertain the reason for this low grading. Of the nine mentioned, four were local, the remaining five being from manufacturers outside the area. The latter were dealt with through the Local Authority concerned.

Of the four local, three were from the manufacturer where heat treatment was carried out and one where the ice cream was a cold mix.

In the former case the trouble was traced to failure on behalf of the manufacturer to properly sterilise certain parts of the plant, and in the case of the cold mix, a defect was discovered in the refrigerator, which failed to maintain the required temperature.

DAIRIES, COWSHEDS AND MILK SHOPS.

The whole of the milk supply in the district is heat treated, approximately 75% of the milk retailed being sterilised.

There are no sterilising plants or pasteurising plants in the district.

Details in connection with the bacteriological examination and the results are indicated in the Medical Officer's section of this report.

There are no registered cow-keepers in the district.

The following were registered for the sale of milk in this area under the Milk (Special Designations) Regulations, 1949 :—

Supplementary Licences.

Sterilised	...	...	...	...	...	12
Pasteurised	...	...	...	...	...	12
T.T. ...	...	...	...	...	...	12

Dealer's Licences.

Sterilised	...	...	...	...	...	81
Pasteurised	...	...	...	...	...	10

FACTORIES ACT, 1937 AND 1948 (PART 1).

1. Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health :—

Premises.	M/c. line No.	Number on Register.	Number of :		
			Inspections	Written Notices.	Occupiers prosecuted.
Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	1	29	21	7	nil
Factories not included in above in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	2	75	34	11	nil
Other premises in which 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises)	3	nil	nil	nil	nil
Total	—	104	55	18	nil

2. Cases in which defects were found :—

Particulars.	M/c. line No.	Number of cases in which defects were found.				Number of cases in which prose- cutions were instituted.
		Found.	Reme- died.	To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness (S.1.)	4	6	6	—	2	—
Overcrowding (S.2.)	—	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temper- ature (S.4.) ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6.) ...	5	1	1	—	—	—
Sanitary conveniences (S.7.)	6	3	3	—	—	—
(a) insufficient ...	6	3	3	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective ...	7	4	4	—	1	—
(c) not separate for sexes	8	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not includ- ing offences relating to Outwork ...	9	1	1	—	1	—
Total	—	15	13	—	4	—

FACTORIES ACT.**Outworkers.**

No lists were received from local firms as regards employment of outworkers. One notification was received in compliance with Section 110 of two outworkers residing in the area.

SMOKE ABATEMENT AND ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION.

The conditions in the Green Ward where most of our industries are situated are far from satisfactory from the point of view of atmospheric pollution.

Many complaints have been received of the excessive discharge of grit and smoke from pulverised fuel plant and oil operated furnaces.

The nuisance in the former case is one of long standing which calls for some definite action to secure some measure of relief to tenants of nearby houses from the intolerable conditions created by the emission of grit from the pulverised fuel furnaces. At periods when the wind is in the direction of these houses, which are situated but a few yards from the factory in question, the conditions are such that the windows and doors must be kept closed, and even then dust and grit seeps through every small crack and crevice and covers everything with a film of gritty particles, making life a misery for the housewives.

The matter is being taken in hand and it is hoped in the near future that the furnaces will be converted to oil.

With regard to the nuisance from oil furnaces, the complaint here is with regard to the dense clouds of black smoke periodically discharged into the atmosphere and which is aggravated at irregular intervals, particularly when starting up from cold and after the frequent "breaks" which take place during the day. The personal element in the operation of these furnaces is responsible in great measure for these discharges, as the regulation of the furnaces has a great deal to do with the amount of smoke ejected. Fortunately, we have the whole-hearted co-operation of the firm in question who have on occasions impressed upon the operatives the need for exercising care when restoring the temperature of the furnaces.

We have little complaint to make with regard to the steam boilers, as most of these are provided with mechanical stokers, which help considerably in mitigating any nuisance from this kind of boiler furnace.

RODENT CONTROL.

A Rodent Operative is engaged part-time for this work, and systematic disinfection is undertaken on the various tips, sewage works and brook courses.

As regards business premises, the work is charged for on a time and material basis, and private dwellings at a nominal charge of five shillings per house, Council houses being exempt from the charge.

The following treatments have been undertaken during the year :—

Business Premises (factories, shops, etc.)	...	...	18
Private Dwelling Houses	...	...	17
Tips, Sewage Works, Brook Courses, etc.	...	...	3
Dead rats accounted for	...	...	163

Two test baitings of the sewers was carried out during the financial year, 25% of the manholes being baited and covering all the various Wards of the town.

Where complete takes were recorded the remaining manholes in the street were baited, but very few complete takes were recorded, indicating that the degree of infestation was slight.

Indications are that systematic treatment of areas likely to harbour rats is bearing fruit.

Schedule of Houses and Accommodation.

CATHERINES CROSS WARD.

Street.	Erec- ted by L.A.	Total Dwell- ing Houses	No. with 1 Bed- room	No. with 2 Bed- rooms	No. with 3 Bed- rooms	No. with 4 and over	Total Bed- rooms	Total Living rooms
Alfred Street ...	—	14	—	14	—	—	28	27
Berry Avenue ...	83	83	—	—	83	—	249	87
Bradshaw Avenue ...	42	42	—	—	42	—	126	77
Burns Place ...	10	10	—	—	10	—	30	20
Burns Road ...	68	68	—	—	55	13	217	136
Catherines Cross ...	4	87	9	55	20	3	191	144
Cockheath, Moxley	—	7	—	5	2	—	16	13
Dangerfield Lane ...	2	19	2	9	5	3	47	34
Factory Street ...	—	28	1	22	5	—	60	50
Forge Road ...	6	21	—	15	5	1	49	35
Foundry Street ...	—	67	1	55	10	1	145	120
Foundry Street Ext.	10	10	—	—	10	—	30	18
Glebe Place ...	8	8	—	—	8	—	24	16
Heathfield Lane ...	10	40	—	25	15	—	95	76
Heathfield Lane West	68	75	—	1	74	—	224	139
Herberts Park Road	68	72	—	—	72	—	216	92
Hewitt Street ...	36	36	—	—	36	—	108	42
Horace Partridge Rd.	25	25	—	—	22	3	78	50
Hughes Road ...	38	38	—	—	36	2	116	76
King Edward Street	8	61	—	46	15	—	137	122
Mill Street ...	—	32	2	23	6	1	70	59
Moxley ...	4	77	—	48	25	4	187	139
Moxley Road ...	10	140	5	69	64	2	343	274
Park Road ...	3	17	—	10	7	—	41	31
Park Street ...	10	22	—	6	16	—	60	32
Partridge Avenue ...	26	26	—	1	25	—	77	33
Pinfold Street ...	—	47	2	26	12	7	118	85
Pinfold Street Ext.	—	11	—	2	9	—	31	22
Sandwell Avenue ...	—	39	—	23	16	—	94	79
Sproat Avenue ...	16	16	—	—	16	—	48	18
St. John's Raad ...	—	15	—	12	2	1	34	23
Stanbury Avenue ...	49	49	—	—	49	—	147	98
Sutton Road ...	17	17	—	—	15	2	53	34
Victory Avenue ...	59	59	—	—	59	—	177	114
Watson Road ...	30	30	—	—	26	4	94	60
Wells Avenue ...	36	36	—	—	36	—	108	70
Whitehouse Avenue	18	18	—	18	—	—	36	18
Wiley Avenue ...	32	35	—	—	35	—	105	43
Wilkinson Road ...	44	44	—	—	34	10	142	93
Wolverhampton St.	15	139	*11	52	76	—	343	249
Woods Bank Terrace	8	8	—	—	8	—	24	8
TOTALS ...	863	1668	33	537	1061	57	4518	2956

*—Includes 6 Bungalows.

Schedule of Houses and Accommodation.

CENTRAL WARD.

Street.	Erec- ted by L.A.	Total Dwell- ing Houses	No. with 1 Bed- room	No. with 2 Bed- rooms	No. with 3 Bed- rooms	No. with 4 and over	Bed- rooms	Living rooms
Alma Street ...	—	31	2	29	—	—	60	58
Ames Road ...	30	30	—	—	28	2	92	60
Bayley Crescent ...	14	14	—	2	10	2	42	15
Biddlestone Place ...	16	16	—	—	16	—	48	21
Bilston Street ...	—	31	2	21	8	—	68	53
Blakemores Lane ...	—	10	—	7	2	1	24	22
Brown Road ...	24	24	—	—	23	1	73	48
Cash Joynson Avenue ...	16	16	—	6	4	6	48	24
Charles Foster Street ...	43	55	—	2	53	—	163	109
Cramphill ...	—	32	2	21	8	1	72	56
Crawford Avenue ...	18	18	—	—	18	—	54	23
Cross Street ...	—	19	—	16	3	—	41	35
Dorsett Road ...	8	64	—	13	50	1	180	143
Dorsett Road Terrace ...	18	18	—	—	18	—	54	21
Eldon Street ...	—	61	—	55	4	2	130	108
Great Croft Street ...	—	13	—	9	4	—	30	25
Hall Street ...	30	32	—	—	32	—	96	43
Hall Street East ...	63	63	—	10	48	5	184	75
Hampton Place ...	8	8	—	—	8	—	24	10
Haycock Place ...	10	10	—	—	10	—	30	14
High Street ...	—	39	2	22	14	1	92	69
Ince Road ...	16	16	*8	—	8	—	32	24
Kennedy Crescent ...	10	11	—	1	10	—	32	14
The Leys ...	—	13	—	8	3	2	33	24
Lowe Avenue ...	172	172	*2	—	170	—	512	174
Marston Avenue ...	21	21	—	—	21	—	63	40
Michael Road ...	37	37	—	—	37	—	111	38
New Road ...	—	18	—	18	—	—	36	32
New Street ...	—	47	3	37	4	3	101	81
Peach Avenue ...	32	32	—	—	32	—	96	34
Peacock Road ...	22	22	—	—	22	—	66	29
Rough Hay Road ...	46	56	—	—	55	1	169	90
Rough Hay Place ...	12	12	—	—	12	—	36	16
School Street ...	—	13	1	10	1	1	28	25
Smit h Street ...	—	41	—	31	10	—	92	79
Stafford Road ...	46	63	—	3	60	—	186	107
Willenhall Street ...	4	87	3	43	40	1	213	157
TOTALS ...	716	1265	25	364	846	30	3411	1996

*—Bungalows

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BENTLEY WARD.

Street.	Erec- ted by L.A.	Total Dwell- ing Houses	No. with 1 Bed- room	No. with 2 Bed- rooms	No. with 3 Bed- rooms	No. with 4 and over	Total Bed- rooms	Total Living rooms
Anson Road ...	50	50	—	8	42	—	142	56
Bentley Mill Lane ...	—	37	—	4	32	1	108	60
Bentley Road ...	14	66	3	36	26	1	157	117
Coronation Avenue	—	77	—	40	37	—	191	154
Cumberland Road ...	22	22	—	22	—	—	44	22
Devon Road...	—	43	—	22	21	—	107	85
Durham Avenue ...	—	20	—	—	20	—	60	36
Gloucester Place ...	—	5	—	1	4	—	14	9
Hopyard Road ...	14	14	—	6	8	—	36	21
King Charles Avenue	88	90	*10	34	46	—	216	131
Morris Avenue ...	52	52	—	—	52	—	156	104
Pugh Crescent ...	74	74	—	24	50	—	198	96
Slim Road ...	2	2	—	—	2	—	6	4
Somerset Road ...	—	51	—	—	51	—	153	104
Walsall Road ...	—	100	—	28	70	2	274	196
Warwick Avenue ...	—	4	—	1	3	—	11	8
Wilkes Avenue ...	24	24	—	—	24	—	72	48
Wolverhampton Rd.	—	30	—	9	21	—	81	57
Wrexham Avenue ...	—	100	—	54	46	—	246	200
York Avenue ...	—	24	—	3	21	—	69	44
TOTALS ...	339	884	13	292	575	4	2338	1537

*—Bungalows.

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THE GREEN WARD.

Street.	Erec- ted by L.A.	Total Dwell- ing houses	No. with 1 Bed- room	No. with 2 Bed- rooms	No. with 3 Bed- rooms	No. with 4 and over	Total Bed- rooms	Total Living rooms
Addenbrooke Street	10	74	—	14	60	—	208	158
Addenbrooke Place	6	6	—	—	6	—	18	6
Aldridge Street ...	—	8	1	6	1	—	16	15
Beard Street ...	—	19	—	15	4	—	42	38
Bell Street ...	—	59	—	50	8	1	128	110
Blockall ...	—	28	1	21	5	1	62	52
Booth Street ...	—	53	—	35	18	—	124	104
Bush Street ...	—	48	—	41	6	1	104	79
Castle Street ...	—	27	—	18	9	—	63	54
Foster Street ...	—	69	1	46	20	2	161	134
Garrington Street ...	20	20	—	—	20	—	60	33
The Green ...	—	116	6	82	24	4	258	212
Horton Street ...	8	27	—	11	16	—	70	49
Horton Place ...	6	6	—	—	6	—	18	9
Hemmings Street ...	10	10	—	—	10	—	30	19
Little Cross Street ...	—	14	—	9	5	—	33	24
Midland Road ...	17	17	—	—	17	—	51	23
Owen Street ...	16	17	—	—	17	—	51	32
Perry Street ...	—	41	—	26	15	—	97	81
Queen Street ...	—	8	—	8	—	—	16	16
Richards Street ...	22	62	1	18	43	—	166	122
Rough Hay Road	13	24	—	—	24	—	72	48
Rubery Street ...	—	21	—	3	18	—	60	39
St. George's Street ...	—	18	—	17	—	1	38	30
Wesson Road ...	23	23	—	—	23	—	69	40
Willenhall Road ...	—	39	—	29	9	1	89	76
Willenhall Street ...	89	93	—	—	93	—	279	137
Yardley Street ...	22	22	—	—	22	—	66	44
TOTALS ...	264	969	10	449	499	11	2449	1784

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ALL SAINTS' WARD.

Street.	Erec- ted by	Total Dwell- Houses	No. with 1 room	No. with 2 rooms	No. with 3 rooms	No. with 4 over	Total rooms	Total rooms
Albert Street ...	—	38	—	35	2	1	80	76
Avenue Road ...	—	40	—	22	17	1	99	88
Bills Street ...	—	3	—	2	1	—	7	6
Bull Street ...	—	49	—	42	4	3	108	100
Church Street ...	—	32	4	19	5	4	73	35
Cope Street ...	4	29	—	8	21	—	79	58
Crescent Road ...	—	6	1	—	3	2	18	13
The Flatts ...	19	19	—	—	19	—	57	20
Gladstone Street ...	—	19	—	11	8	—	46	37
Gordon Street ...	—	19	—	13	6	—	44	42
Heath Road ...	—	42	1	39	2	—	85	71
James Bridge ...	—	4	—	1	3	—	11	9
King Street ...	—	23	3	9	10	1	55	42
Rectory Avenue ...	—	7	—	2	5	—	19	18
Salisbury Street ...	—	15	—	9	6	—	36	33
Short Street ...	—	8	—	7	1	—	17	16
Simmonds Place ...	26	26	—	—	26	—	78	32
Slater Street... ..	—	26	—	3	22	1	76	60
Station Street ...	4	81	—	57	22	2	188	144
Tilley Street ...	—	43	—	41	2	—	88	86
Victoria Road ...	—	27	1	17	8	1	63	52
Walsall Road ...	—	159	3	103	47	6	374	304
Walsall Street ...	—	28	—	21	7	—	63	55
Waverley Road ...	—	38	—	15	23	—	99	76
Westbourne Road ...	—	19	—	—	19	—	57	39
Whitton Street ...	—	41	—	17	24	—	106	82
TOTALS	53	841	13	493	313	22	2026	1594

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SUMMARY.

TOTAL — ALL WARDS.

Street.		Erec- ted by L.A.	Total Dwell- ing Houses	No. with 1 Bed- room	No. with 2 Bed- rooms	No. with 3 Bed- rooms	No. with 4 and over	Total Bed- rooms	Total Living rooms
Catherines Cross	...	863	1688	33	537	1061	57	4518	2956
Central	...	716	1265	25	264	846	30	3411	1996
Bentley	...	340	885	13	292	576	4	2341	1539
The Green	...	264	969	10	449	499	11	2449	1784
All Saints	...	53	841	13	493	313	22	2026	1594
TOTALS	...	2236	5648	94	2135	3295	124	14725	9869

